"For God and Country."

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The Washington Memorial Library.

The endowment fund of the Washington Memorial Library now amounts to $300. George W. Barrie & Son have sold five more sets of the Washington Memorial Edition of the History of North America, and one of the same edition de luxe. The result has been the addition of the one hundred dollars to the endowment.

The growth of this fund is very gratifying to those who are developing this division of the Washington Memorial. To many an endowment fund of three hundred dollars may seem ridiculously small, but, small as it is, it is the earnest of three things for which we long: Growth, greatness and permanence. That there is any endowment fund is a surprise to many, for the library is hardly visible. The small case in the corner of the Museum is out of reach and almost out of sight. The stacks of books under the Marquee are seen only by those who add to the hundreds already stored away the later gifts. That the library should have grown at all under these circumstances is most remarkable. That it will grow when the books can be seen and the ex-

istence of the library is better known is certain. That it will become a great institution there can be no doubt, for the institution is planned on broad lines of usefulness. That it will be permanent is assured by the Endowment Fund.

Growth, greatness and permanence—how easy it is to write down the words! The writer knows what goes into the spelling of each, and if the reader will realize it too, and help to spell the words by talking about the library, asking for books for it, and increasing the endowment, the goal will be sooner attained.

All roads lead to Valley Forge. The best ones are those chosen by the automobilists, and for their information Mr. J. L. Smith has prepared a large road map of the surrounding country, with the best roads marked in red ink. Very generously he has given this map to the chapel, and it has been hung in the choir room, where it can be readily consulted by visitors.

The Vestry held a meeting at the Chapel on Tuesday, August 28. Mr. Quigg made a very important report on the business connected with the Washington Memorial Cemetery. He reported that the mortgage against the property, which was held by the Montgomery Building and Loan Association, had been satisfied, and a new mortgage of $8000 placed on the property to pay off the old mortgage and to secure money for the erection of the lodge. The following statement was prepared by Muscoe M. Gibson, Esq., who represented the Chapel, giving his services as he has done so many times in our history:

"Statement of settlement between Penn Trust Company and the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge:

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Aug. 29. To amount of mortgage on 20 acres $8000 00

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Aug. 29.	By amount paid Montgomery Building & Loan Association, satisfaction of mortgage..	$2608 83	
Aug. 29.	By amount paid Penn Trust Company, 2 promissory notes and interest made by Frank Quigg for benefit of Chapel	904 76	
Aug. 29.	By amount paid Recorder of Deeds, satisfaction of mortgage	50	
	Recording deed, W. Herbert Burk, et al., to chapel...	2 65	
	Recording mortgage, Chapel to Penn Trust Company.	3 75	
	Recording deed, Cook, et al., to Chapel (Main building)	4 75—	11 65
	Balance due Chapel		4474 76
			$8000 00

The above amount was paid in the check of the Penn Trust Company to the order of Frank Quigg, treasurer. The withdrawal value of the Building Association stock was made payable to the trustees in whose name the stock was issued. After repaying Mr. Burk the dues and interest advanced by him, the balance of this withdrawal value remains in the hands of the treasurer."

It was also reported that on that morning the deeds for the Chapel property and for the cemetery had been recorded. The deed for the first was from the trustees elected by the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of All Saints' Church, Norristown—the Rev. Herbert J. Cook, D. D., Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich and Mr. Thomas S. Neale. The Vestry of All Saints' Church had elected Mr. Thomas S. Neale to take the place of Mr. Charles W. Comfort, deceased. The deed for the cemetery was made by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Mr. Frank Quigg, Mr. Leslie Jefferis, Mr. Charles W. Walker and Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich.

Bids on the revised plans and specifica-

tions for the first road in the cemetery were received, and the contract for the excavation given to Mr. J. W. Dawson, the lowest bidder. The contract price was $760 and $40 for a forty-foot bridge and $50 for a fifty-foot bridge.

The contract for the slate roof on the lodge was given to Mr. Alfred Smith, of Norristown, whose bid was $130. The contract for the slag roof was given to Mr. William A. Elliott, of Norristown. His bid was $15.

The Rev. Mr. Burk reported that the insurance policies had been made uniform, and had been rewritten to cover the buildings and contents.

The completion of the lodge, as ordered by the congregation, was carefully considered, and this work met with the hearty approval of the meeting.

Musicale for the Chapel.

A musical tea will be given at Mrs. Colket Wilson's on Thursday, September 21st, from three to six. Silver offering for the benefit of the guild. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in the work of the Chapel Guild.

Fifth Annual Report of the Guild of the Washington Memorial Chapel.

A secretary's report of necessity cannot be as accurate as a treasurer's, but a review of the year's doing may be helpful and instructive. In the course of the year a supper, a luncheon for the Valley Forge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a play, "The Little Savage," and two rummage sales were held. While not the work of the Guild as a body, the energetic efforts of one of its members, Mrs. Summerill, made possible the purchase of the much needed Chapel silver without recourse to the Guild treasury. The tea room was again opened and the labor of each week had been so lightened by the assistance of Mrs. Paxson, made possible through Mrs. Frank Wilson's generosity, that instead of a burden the tea room has become a pleasure. It is also a problem to consider for the following year, for I fear that it is not looked upon as personal responsibility and obligation—our summer church work. It should be assumed as such; and in case of unexpected absence, each should be responsible for a substitute. The treasurer's report will show in live figures the work of the year.

EMMA. W. CRAWFORD, Secretary.
Sept. 7, 1911.

Annual Report of Mrs. Nathan M. Hughes

Treasurer of the Martha Washington Guild.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury from tea room Sept. 10, 1910.	$227 65	
Proceeds of tea room from Sept. 17, 1910 to Aug. 26, 1911	247 06	
Balance in Guild treasury Sept. 1, 1910	76 51	
Dues for year Sept., 1910 to Sept., 1911	33 80	
Amount of birthday box	6 07	
Proceeds of rummage sales	112 04	
Proceeds of entertainments:		
Feb. 22, supper	92 15	
Dec. 8, play	58 50	
June 17, luncheon	49 25	
Donations towards the Flower Fund	9 50	
Martha Washington Guild for oil	5 67	
Cash received from sale of provisions	29 31	
Cash received from Working Chapter	44 00	
Donations for entertainment	43 60	$1035 11
		905 66
Balance in treasury Sept. 1, 1911		$129 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Memorial Fund	$100 00
Transportation, J. C. Jarrett	221 50
Amount pledged for Chronicle	60 00
Chapel expenses, Mr. Quigg	120 00
Convocation	10 00
Amount expended for coal and freight	133 91
Incidental exp's, books, oil, etc.	40 88
Expenses for entertainment	219 37— $905 66

A. R. HUGHES, Treasurer.

The Captain James Hunter Pew.

The Captain James Hunter Pew has been placed in position, being the last on the Gospel side of the Chapel. The Pew bears the Colonial seal of Pennsylvania and the arms of the State. It is the gift of Mrs. Daniel Baugh, of Philadelphia, and is an addition to the beauty and historical interest of the Chapel. Only one of the twenty-five Pews of the Patriots is lacking, and it is hoped that this will be in place before long.

The Death of Rev. Chas. H. Rorer, D. D

The Rev. Charles H. Rorer, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church, in Norristown, died suddenly on Sunday, July 22. Dr. Rorer was the orator on the occasion of the dedication of the boulder erected to the memory of the unknown dead by the Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R., and his oration was published in the July number of the Chronicle. He was a man of great ability, and his loss will be keenly felt by the congregation which he served so faithfully, the community and the Historical Society of Montgomery County.

Owing to Mrs. Summerill's untiring efforts the choir has presented an immaculate and pleasing appearance throughout the summer.

Mrs. S. Col. Summerill and Miss Hannah P. Kirkbride have been appointed to take care of the vestments. Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich gave all the vestments used by the choristers, and was careful in the selection of the patterns and material, and the vestments so generously provided should be properly preserved and kept in such condition as to be worthy of their purpose.

Miss Mary Supplee Stephens, who has so faithfully served the parish as organist, has resigned, as she has gone to the West Chester Normal School. She carries into her new work the best wishes of the congregation, grateful for services so freely rendered.

Formal notice has been given of a meeting of the congregation on Monday evening, September 18, at 8 o'clock, at the chapel to consider the question of securing the money required to complete the lodge of the Defenders' Gate. All members of the congregation are urged to be present, as the meeting will be most important.

During the summer the flowers for the altar have been furnished by Mrs. Sarah Swift Zulich and arranged tastefully by Mrs. S. Col. Summerill, adding greatly to the attractiveness of the Chapel.

More than 5000 have contributed toward the purchase of the Marquee the ten cents which entitle the contributor to see this great relic of Washington and the War of the Revolution.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held Wednesday, June 7th. There were nine members present. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Clayland Walker was appointed secretary pro tem. The treasurer reported a balance of $152.11 and $64.95 from seven Saturdays at the tea room. Miss Hibbs then gave an account of the Auxiliary meeting, reporting $50 pledged to the Chapel, also $10 for the Chronicle. The meeting adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in September.

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK, B. D.
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Calendar.

Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
At Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia.
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.

SEPTEMBER.

17. Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.
18. 8 p. m., congregational meeting at the Chapel.
20. Ember Day.
21. St. Matthew, the Apostle.
3 to 6 p. m., Musical Tea at Mrs. Colket Wilson's.
22. Ember Day.
23. Ember Day.
24. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
29. St. Michael and All Angels.

OCTOBER.

1. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
4. 2.30 p. m., meeting of the Guild.
8. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

BURIALS.

Aug. 22. Theodore Ramsey Pugh.
Aug. 24. Marie A. Saurmann.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, at the Parish Building. There were nine members present. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the secretary read her annual report. The treasurer then read reports for the previous meetings, followed by the annual report, which was encouraging. The Working Chapter reported $44 to the treasury. The Martha Washington Guild furnished a barrel of oil for lighting the Chapel. Mrs. Charles Walker reported from the Missionary Chapter twenty-two members and expressed a hope that a Mission Study Class would again be held during Lent. The committees on coal collection have started work. Mrs. Colket Wilson offered her home for a musical tea for the benefit of the Guild and Thursday, Sept. 21st, was decided upon as a convenient date and the members were urged to extend the invitation to all interested.

The Lansdale Camp.

The Lansdale troop of Boys Scouts of America went into camp back of the Chapel grove on Saturday, August 12, under the leadership of Scout Master King. The boys marched all the way from Lansdale to the Chapel and were even then ready for the work of making the camp. On Sunday the scouts attended the morning service in the Chapel, when the rector preached a sermon that held the attention of every boy and gave him some-

thing to think about after he left Valley Forge. The rector also took the scouts for a hike on Monday evening, giving his followers information about Valley Forge and its men.

A little after noon on Tuesday the camp was startled by the report that one of the boys had lost his life in the river. A messager was sent for the Rev. Mr. Burk, who was up on the scaffolding at the Defenders' Gate. He hurried to the river and worked for over two hours for the recovery of the body, being joined in the search by several others. During the search the heavy storm broke, but the searchers kept at their task.

The body was found near where the accident occurred, and was brought to the surface by Mr. Milton Kenworthy, Mr. Edward Major and Mr. George Huber, almost as soon as they arrived in their launch. Mr. Burk had the body removed to the parish house and that morning it was taken to Lansdale.

The accident was a sad one, and the Scouts left on the day of the funeral to pay their last respects to their comrade's memory.

Record of British Regiments

Which were in Philadelphia During the Winter of 1777-1778, with a Short Account of their Services in America.

By REGINALD L. HART.

THE FOURTH; OR, THE KING'S OWN REGIMENT.

(Now the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment.)

Organized in 1680. Left England April 17, 1774, for service in America. Landed at Boston and encamped near the town. In 1775 the flank companies were sent to Concord to destroy the military stores collected at that place. Was in the fight at Lexington and Concord bridge and was a part of the troops which were driven by the patriots from Concord to Lexington, and at that point it was met by the battalion companies of the regiment, whose brigade formed the hollow square into which the exhausted flank companies were received. Remained for a short time in Boston and on the memorable 17th of June, 1775, the grenadier and light infantry companies of the 4th regiment took part in the fight at Bunker Hill, where it lost 17 killed and 31 wounded.

Left Boston with Sir William Howe's troops for Halifax, after which it sailed for Staten Island and took part in the reduction of Long Island, which ended on the 28th of August, 1776. Served at White Plains, and at the capture of Fort Washington and went into winter quarters in New York city.

In 1777 it was engaged in the expedition to destroy the military stores at Danbury, and both the town and stores were burned. It was present at the various skirmishes which attended the return of the expedition to New York and the loss of the regiment was 2 men killed and 1 officer and 16 men wounded. From New York it proceeded to Chesapeake Bay, from which place it began the advance upon Philadelphia, and at Brandywine it formed part of the troops selected to attack the Americans, its loss being 2 killed and 21 wounded, including Captain Rawdon.

We find it next at Germantown, where the light infantry company formed part of the 1st Light Infantry Battalion which performed distinguished service. The battalion companies were also engaged and suffered a loss of 9 men killed with 8 officers and 48 men wounded. The grenadier company was stationed at Philadelphia when the action opened, but arrived too late to be of service. Several skirmishes followed this battle, notably one at Edge Hill, after which the King's Own returned to comfortable winter

In the spring of 1778 the regiment marched with the army, now under Sir Henry Clinton, through New Jersey and arrived in New York in July. Shortly

after this the regiment was ordered to the West Indies and thus terminated its services in America.

It returned to England in 1780.

Hfstory of Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

LETTER XIII.

[Norristown Herald and Free Press, Aug. 21, 1850.]

In one of my former letters some notice was given of General Wheedon, and also of my intention of giving some further information concerning him. It has been observed that he remained at his quarters but a short time; but, short as it was, it was long enough for the soldiers under his command to commit depredations to so great an extent that it required years to overcome the effects, and to restore the waste places produced in consequence of their rapacity. Almost every tree in the place was cut down or destroyed; all the fences were either used for fuel or carried off the premises, to be employed in constructing huts, or forming picket guards. Their hay, straw, fodder and vegetables, were all taken as the General said, for the use of the army; but the real object was believed to be for the sole purpose of serving his own private interests. He exercised no restraint over the soldiers in this particular; the consequence was that all their movable property, not secured or removed beyond their reach, was taken by the soldiers with impunity, and the family were left nearly destitute of the common domestic utensils, such as buckets, pots, kettles, pans, plates, knives and forks, and such things as were indispensably necessary. During the time of his quarters there, these depredations were committed; and I have often heard it related by many of the family that the only thing not previously secured, that escaped their rapacity, was a grindstone which the General had ordered not to be removed on account of the daily use they made of it to grind their knives and other edge tools. I have heretofore hinted at his severity to his soldiers; he always kept a strong guard at the house, and during the most inclement nights, exposed to all kinds of weather, the poor soldiers thus employed walked to and fro through the yard, poorly fed and still more poorly clad. Often in the dead hours of the night would some of the family would arise from their beds, and from the window of the second story of the house, which was the only part the family occupied, throw to the poor famished guards, pieces of meat, crusts of bread, and any kind of provisions they had on hand which, while shuddering with cold, they would seize with avidity and evour with the greediness of a ravenous animal.

His own aggrandizement, and the acquisition of wealth, seems to have been his leading motive in entering the service, and the accomplishment of these objects his governing principle. He had a number of private baggage wagons, conducted by his own slaves, and used for the purpose of conveying supplies for the army, often at extravagant prices, which were extorted from government, on account of its necessitous situation, and at all times embracing every opportunity in his power to speculate upon the public treasury, receiving his pay in Continental money. But nearly enough has been said of him, unless it were better, and I shall soon take leave of him by just mentioning that having in various ways accumulated a large amount of Continental money, and fearing it would die on his hands, he sold his teams, collected his slaves, resigned his commission, and returned to his home, to invest his money in real estate; and this is the last account I ever heard of him.

Upon the resignation of Wheedon, the command of the Virginia line was given to Baron DeKalb, a German nobleman, whose character, life, services, and death at Camden, in South Carolina, are too well known to need a description here.

He also succeeded to the quarters of Wheedon, at my grandfather's, and soon a different state of things were produced, and while less servile homage was paid to his person by the soldiers, their affections were more firmly secured by his kind and affectionate treatment of them, at the same time his authority was more firmly established, and his orders obeyed, and more restraint placed over the soldiers; order and regularity were restored, and the situation of the family much more pleasant than it had been previous to his arrival. The family having been supplied with things necessary for domestic purposes, by some of their relatives and friends, who lived beyond the scenes of devastation, the property was, through his authority, protected from any further depredation. His urbanity rendered him an agreeable companion, and laid the foundation of a lasting friendship between them. Much more might be related concerning the Baron, during his residence at the house, for I call it his residence, as he was there more than four months, and was always considered as one of the family; and from the day of his arrival until he left the place, he was always viewed more as an old friend and acquaintance than a perfect stranger from a foreign land. After leaving the place, whenever opportunity offered, a correspondence was kept up between him and my grandfather; and his last letter was written a few days previous to the battle of Camden, where he fell, and not received until some weeks after his death. This letter I regret has been lost. Another that was written a few months previous, is still in possession of the family, and was published in this and some other papers of this county about two years since.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Needs of the Tea Room.

Serving trays.
Paper napkins.
Bread knife.
Ice pick.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Pay Rolls Immediately to be made out for the month's extraordinary Pay mentioned in the orders of the 3d January last given as a reward for the Virtuous, Patience and Zeal of the Troops under the Inconveniences of their unhappy situation to Comprehend all the officers and men in Camp on the 29th of last December, the time the resolution was passed and such as may have since joined the army to the date of the Pay Roll. This however is not meant to be final or to exclude those who may hereafter assert a reasonable claim to the Benefit of the resolve—Dificulties have arisen as to the constitution of it which has been submitted to congress and it is not to be doubted they will give a liberal Explanation.—Abstracts from the month of December that are not yet sent in to the Pay Master General are to be sent in immediately for examination so as to be ready for Payment as soon as the money arrives.

The General Court Martial whereof Colo. Wigglesworth is president is dissolved and another to sit to morrow 10 o'Clock in the fore noon at the bake house. a Captain from each Brigade to attend as members. Colonel Cortland is appointed President.

1 Sub. 1 Serg. & 16 privates to parade to morrow nine oClock on the Grand parade to escort a number of prisoners to Lancaster.

Head Quartess Valley Forge Feb'y 16, 1778.
Major General.....tomorrow.....Lord Sterling
Brigadier.....Scott
Field Officers.... ..Colo. Bradford, Lt. Colo. Sprout
Brigade Major.....Alldon

the party ordered to go to Lancaster this morning is to parade to morrow morning nine oClock on the Grand parade. a gill of Whiskey to be Issued to the Troops per man to morrow.